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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 10413

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TAGS: CH, FR, MASS, PEPR
SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS ON REPORTED FRENCH ARMS SALE TO PRC

REF: (A) PARIS 14552, (B) PEKING 1292

1. MAY 11 PRAVDA CARRIES MAY 10 UNSIGNED TASS STORY
DATELINED WASHINGTON ENTITLED "CHINA'S MILITARY
PURCHASES." ARTICLE BEGINS BY HOLDING "CHINA CONTINUES
PURCHASES OF WEAPONS IN WESTERN EUROPE." ARTICLE THEN
CITES "WASHINGTON POST" AS REPORTING A PRC DELEGATION
VISITING FRANCE SIGNED AN AGREEMENT ON OBTAINING THE
"HOT" ANTI-TANK MISSILE, AND THAT FRENCH OFFICIALS
STATED THAT CHINA IS ALSO INTERESTED IN SHIP TO SHIP
MISSILE "EKZOSET" (PHON), ANTI-AIRCRAFT ROCKET "CROTAL"
AND THE ANTI-TANK MISSILE SYSTEM "MILAN." ARTICLE
CONTINUES THAT THE PRC DELEGATION HAS EXAMINED A NUMBER
OF MILITARY AND INDUSTRIAL ITEMS, INCLUDING ATOMIC
STATIONS. IT NOTES THAT AN EARLIER CHINESE MILITARY
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DELEGATION IN FRANCE VISITED AIRPLANE, HELICOPTER AND
ROCKET PRODUCING FACTORIES. ARTICLE CONCLUDES BY AGAIN
CITING WASHINGTON POST AS TERMING THE PRC ROCKET PURCHASE
IN FRANCE AS A "LARGE DEAL."

2. COMMENT: FRENCH DIPLOMAT HERE REITERATED TO EMBOFF
FRENCH COMMENTS REPORTED REFS A AND B: FRENCH-PRC

NEGOTIATIONS ON THE "HOT" ANTI-TANK MISSILE ARE STILL
CONTINUING BUT NO AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED. TOON

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